



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web Posting Date: March 14, 2006

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for the renewal of groundwater discharge permit, NEV2000508, from the following applicant:

VBL Environmental Services
P.O. Box 187
Pahrump, Nevada 89041

The Applicant proposes to continue to operate a digested sewage sludge, domestic septage, and grease trap material dewatering system at the Artesia at Hafen Ranch Wastewater Reclamation Facility (HRWWRF), NEV91004. All effluent from the dewatering process, a maximum of 30,000 gallons per day, will be discharged to the HRWWRF; all dewatered material will be transported to the Nye County Pahrump Valley Municipal Landfill for disposal. As part of this renewal, all discharge to waters of the State has been eliminated, therefore, the permit is being converted from a biosolids/septage land application permit to a zero discharge permit.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue the zero discharge permit, NEV2000508, for a five (5) year period subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding the permit or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 PM April 15, 2006 will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Bruce Holmgren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9423, or at bholmgre@nedp.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm> .